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SUBJECT THOMAS J. LYNCH

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Federal Reserve Building

Washington, D. C.

October 21, 1940

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is attached hereto a list of persons recently added to the Production Division of the National Defense Commission. I would appreciate it very much if you would make the usual investigation concerning them.

We sincerely appreciate the speed and thoroughness with which these investigations are conducted.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

W. W. Knight, Jr.

Enclosure

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Lynch, Thomas J., 102 W. Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Md. (Wi 5694);
formerly special assistant to the Attorney General in the Department
of Justice.

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

October 30, 1940

Thomas J. Lynch

Re: ~~J. E. Morgan~~; Special Inquiry;
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter under date of October 21, 1940 from Mr. W. W. Knight, Jr. of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, enclosing a list of persons recently added to the Production Division of the National Defense Commission relative to whom investigations by this Bureau are desired.

There are being enclosed herewith sufficient copies of the incoming communication from Mr. Knight, as well as the enclosures attached thereto in order that there will be available two copies for each of your individual files in these cases. It will be noted that very brief information relative to the personal history of each individual has been submitted by Mr. Knight, and you are therefore instructed to make further reference to the personnel files of The Advisory Commission in order to determine whether there is available additional information relative to the personal history of these individuals. It is desired that the information obtained from the personnel files be immediately incorporated into report form and appropriate leads should be set forth in order that investigative action might be initiated in these cases at the earliest possible moment.

It is my desire that these investigations receive prompt and expeditious attention, and they should be of the same type as those made in cases involving Departmental applicants. Particular emphasis should be placed upon developing the extent of the patriotism, loyalty, integrity, and trustworthiness of these individuals as well as any information which might indicate they are associated with members of the staff or employees of the various foreign embassies and consulates in this country, as well as indications that they are living beyond their regular incomes and might be receiving additional income from unknown sources.

As in the past, you are instructed to open individual files on each of these persons, and the character of these cases should be carried as Special Inquiry - The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. William W. Knight, Jr.
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense
Federal Reserve Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: J. E. Burgee: Special Inquiry;
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense.

My dear Mr. Knight;

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 21, 1940, and the enclosures attached thereto, setting forth a list of persons recently added to the Protection Division of the National Defense Commission, relative to whom you desire investigations to be conducted by this Bureau.

Please be advised that these investigations will be initiated at the earliest possible moment and you will be furnished with the results thereof within the very near future.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.

December 20, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH
SPECIAL INQUIRY - THE ADVISORY COMMISSION
TO THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 30, 1940, transmitting a letter dated October 21, 1940, by Mr. W. W. KNIGHT, Jr., of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, which letter contained a list of names of employees of the Advisory Commission, with the request that such employees be investigated. The name of THOMAS J. LYNCH, 102 West Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, formerly special assistant to the Attorney General, in the Department of Justice, was on this list.

Please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] of this office, interviewed [redacted] of the Investigation Section of the Advisory Commission, Room 226, Petomac Park Apartments, 21st and C Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on December 19, 1940. [redacted] advised that THOMAS J. LYNCH is still an employee of the Department of Justice and is on a loan basis to the Advisory Commission. He also advised that a complete investigation regarding Mr. LYNCH was conducted by this Bureau in 1939, when LYNCH was being considered for a Departmental Legal position. It will be noted that this investigation is entitled "THOMAS J. LYNCH - DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - LEGAL POSITION", Washington Field Division the origin, Washington Field Division File No. 77-1480. [redacted] advised that the results of the Bureau's investigation of LYNCH in 1939 would be all the investigation that will be necessary of LYNCH.

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It is therefore respectfully suggested that you forward to the Advisory Commission appropriate copies of the report of the investigation which was originally conducted on LYNCH.

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Director
THOMAS J. LYNCH
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On December 20, 1940, Special Agent [redacted]
of this office contacted [redacted] of the Personnel
Division of the Department of Justice, and she advised that
Mr. LYNCH still holds the position of special assistant to
the Attorney General in the Anti-Trust Division.

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In order to bring this investigation up to date,
the Washington Field Division will conduct appropriate
investigation in the Department of Justice, as well as a
check of the local police and credit agencies, and a neighbor-
hood investigation, all at Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours


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Special Agent in Charge

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January 9, 1941

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. Sidney Sherwood
Assistant Secretary
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense
Federal Reserve Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sherwood:

Your attention is invited to the investigation being conducted by this Bureau relative to Mr. Thomas J. Lynch, an employee of your Commission.

In view of the fact a complete investigation was conducted of this individual in June, 1939, regarding his application for a position with the Department of Justice, the information developed during the course of that investigation is being set forth in the form of an attached memorandum.

Additional investigation is being conducted in order to bring this investigation up to date and you will be furnished with the results thereof within the very near future.

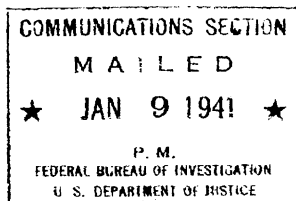
With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Attachment

cc - Washington Field

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MEMORANDUM

January 9, 1941

EDUCATION:

The records at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, reflect that Thomas J. Lynch entered the Engineering School in October, 1919 on High School credits from the High School at Niagara Falls, New York; that he attended the Engineering School from 1919 to 1922 and one summer session in 1920; that during this time his average marks were "B" and after completing sixty-nine hours of credit he was transferred to the Law School on June 22, 1922. The Law School record reflects that Lynch was born May 12, 1899. Under "Parent or Guardian" there was given Catherine Casey, 224 First Street, Niagara Falls, New York. He attended the Law School from September 26, 1922 to June 18, 1923, from September 25, 1923 to June 16, 1924, five weeks of summer session, July 23, 1924 to August 8, 1924, from September 23, 1924 to June 15, 1925, at which time he was graduated and lacked just ten points of being a "B" student and receiving a "Juris Doctor" degree rather than an LL.B. degree. However it was learned that Lynch had been President of the Student Council which had taken a great deal of his time. The [redacted] Law School expressed an opinion that if it had not been for these extra-curricular activities Lynch would have received a "Juris Doctor" degree.

[redacted] went on to state that Lynch had been a student of such high caliber that he had gone to the leading law firm in Toledo, Ohio, and that Mr. Manny J. Marshall of that firm has the reputation of taking only the best students; further, that being associated with Mr. Marshall's firm was an education in itself. He went on to state that he had been personally acquainted with Lynch; that he had been about a year ahead of him in school and had known him as a friend; that Lynch was of excellent morals, always honest, fine character, nice personality, had been a member of Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity. He advised there was nothing that he knew which was derogatory toward Lynch; that Lynch had never been in any trouble of any kind during the time he was in college; that the records on Lynch do not reflect any disciplinary action ever taken against him.

A [redacted] Law School, advised that she remembered Lynch very well and in a most favorable way; that she had observed him all during the time he was in Law School and found him to be very reliable, likeable, sincere and industrious.

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advised that he was quite well acquainted with Lynch when he was a member of the firm of Marshal, Melbern, Morler and Martin of that city. He stated that it was indeed a surprise to him at the time Lynch gave up his connection with that firm to go with the Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington, D. C. He thought at the time that perhaps Lynch had taken this position for further experience and would at a later time return to Toledo and take up this former connection.

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[redacted] stated the firm with which Lynch was connected was one of the three leading law firms in the city of Toledo and that that organization had always maintained a fine reputation among the members of the local Bar. [redacted] estimated that Lynch's earnings at the time he was practicing law in the city, to be roughly somewhere from \$4,000 to \$7,500 per year.

[redacted] stated that he has been acquainted with Lynch for eight or ten years. He advised that while in Toledo, Lynch handled a number of legal matters for his firm. He advised his acquaintance with Lynch was only on a business relationship and that he did not know him socially, however, he was always impressed with the seriousness and conscientiousness with which he went about his work; further, that his honesty and integrity at all times was unimpeachable. He advised that Lynch was a very discreet person and he always succeeded in getting a great deal of information while relating very little. [redacted] advised that at such times as Lynch was called upon to perform work for his brokerage concern the work was outstanding.

[redacted] advised that Lynch accepted the position with the Securities and Exchange Commission because he was particularly interested in that type of work. Further, that upon acceptance of that position [redacted] was asked by Lynch to show him through the brokerage business and to explain the various mechanisms of that type of work in order that he might be better acquainted with the type of work which he was to perform in his new position. [redacted] stated that he did this and also took Lynch to New York to show him the operation of the securities market in that city.

So far as [redacted] knew, Lynch had high class individuals as his associates and friends. He stated he had heard just recently that Lynch had been offered a connection with a law firm in Detroit, Michigan, which was to have paid him \$35,000 per year but which position he had refused because of his great interest in his position with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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[redacted] advised he had been acquainted with Lynch for a great number of years; that he had come to know Lynch when he had first become engaged in the practice of law in Toledo. He advised that Lynch was an exceedingly intelligent individual and was well acquainted with the principles of his profession; that his performance in Toledo had been superb and that he was well thought of by members of the Toledo Bar. He continued, that during the time Lynch was in Toledo he handled a great number of the most important cases for his firm. He had engaged chiefly in equity trial rather than trial work before jury. [redacted] advised the firm with which Lynch was connected handled a number

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of trust matters for the most responsible citizens of Toledo, and Lynch had performed a great share of this work.

[redacted] stated Lynch was always an ardent supporter and admirer of the New Deal Administration; that he was greatly interested in welfare and social problems and it was his, [redacted] opinion that Lynch took the position with the Securities and Exchange Commission for this reason. [redacted] advised that Lynch was aggressive in his work and at all times was exceedingly thorough; that he believed him to be a brilliant lawyer.

[redacted] advised that Lynch had been born of poor parents who died while he was in his tender years. His aunt reared him and later he entered the University of Michigan where he obtained his legal education. In that school he was the leader of the "Union," which is the outstanding organization of the University. He advised that Lynch always possessed that valuable faculty of conducting himself as a gentleman, even at times when he was engaged in cross-examining a witness. He advised Lynch is not an individual who is interested in society but is quiet and would rather remain aloof from social gatherings; that he is happily married and is the father of one child, Thomas, Jr., who in May, 1939, was approximately sixteen months old.

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[redacted] described Mr. Lynch as the best lawyer he had ever had in his employ; that he was considered good in research work; his habits were good and he was a gentleman in every respect.

Inquiries conducted at the Credit Bureau in Toledo, Ohio, reflected that Lynch had a satisfactory credit rating. Inquiry conducted at the Identification Division of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department reflects there was no criminal record on Thomas J. Lynch in that city.

The Personnel files at the Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington, D. C., reflected the original application of Lynch which indicated he was born at Chicago, Illinois, on May 12, 1899. The application further reflected that he had been employed by Marshall, Melhorn, Marlar and Martin, attorneys at Toledo, Ohio, from June, 1925, to October, 1934, with successive increases in salary from \$1,800 per annum to approximately \$9,000 per annum.

The personnel record reflected he entered on duty on October 2, 1934, as Principal Attorney (Trial), the position being classified as Professional-6, salary, \$5,600 per annum. The classification sheet indicated Lynch's duties were as follows:

"The preparation for trial of the most complex and difficult cases in connection with the administration of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. These cases are tried before either trial examiners of the commission or members of the commission and the work requires a high degree of professional skill and experience and the exercise of trained and independent judgment in procedure, examination and consideration of important questions of law, evidence and fact.

"The briefing of cases, the briefing of appeals to the Federal Courts and the arguing of cases before the Federal Courts on behalf of the Commission. The preparation of opinions on legal questions involving the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934."

The efficiency rating included in the personnel record under date of May 28, 1935, rated Lynch as excellent in all of the subdivisions included under the following:

"Quality and Performance
Productiveness
Qualifications Shown on the Job."

Mr. Lynch received an increase in salary on July 1, 1935, to \$6,000 per annum. On March 25, 1936, he was promoted to the position of Assistant General Counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission without increase in salary. In connection with his promotion, a memorandum was noted in the personnel file which contained the following comment:

"He has displayed unusual ability as a trial lawyer. His former practice with Marshall, Melhorn, Morlar and Martin included corporate matters in connection with the organization and reorganization of corporations and trial work in the State and Federal Courts."

The duties of Mr. Lynch's position as Assistant General Counsel were indicated as follows:

"To act as administrative and legal assistant to the General Counsel in advising the Commission on questions relating to the interpretation and the enforcement of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. To be in charge of inquiries received by the Commission from the public and other attorneys as to the application of the provisions of both the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and to advise them how they may comply with the provisions of said acts."

It was noted in this connection that Lynch, among his other duties, had supervision of some twelve attorneys of the Commission in connection with the work of Assistant General Counsel. While in this position, he received an increase to \$6,500 per annum.

On January 7, 1937, Lynch was promoted to the position of Assistant General Counsel (Expert), receiving an increase in salary to \$7,500 per annum. The duties of this position, in addition to his duties performed as Assistant General Counsel, included special assignments on some particular problem before the Commission in connection with the enforcement of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. In this position Lynch received an increase in salary as of June 16, 1938, to \$7,800 per annum. Lynch was detailed to serve as Counsel to the "Monopoly Study" in connection with the enforcement of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

[redacted] stated that he had been [redacted] since August, 1938, and that prior to that time he had been [redacted]. [redacted] stated that it was natural that Lynch was disappointed not to have received the appointment to the position of General Counsel of the Commission, in view of the fact that he was a senior of all of the men in the position of Assistant General Counsel. [redacted] stated that Lynch was a skillful and thorough lawyer, in that he prepared his cases with great care and acted as a trial lawyer with judgment and vigor. [redacted] further stated that Lynch was a clean-cut man of excellent habits and that the only criticism anyone might make of him was that he might be slow in performing it, but [redacted] believed that this was more than

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overcome because of the thoroughness with which Lynch performed his work. [redacted] stated that Lynch's previous superiors would be in a better position to give information as to the quality of Lynch's work as he had been under his immediate supervision for only a short period of time.

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[redacted] stated he was personally employed by the Securities and Exchange Commission for four years subsequent to [redacted] and during that period was in close business and social contact with Mr. Lynch; that from [redacted] to the termination of his connection with the Commission he [redacted] and during the greater portion of this period, Lynch was [redacted] advised that Lynch's duties were principally [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Lynch performed all his duties in a capable and efficient manner, and impressed all that came in contact with him with his reliability and competence. [redacted] advised he regards Lynch as being intelligent, serious-minded, honest, reliable and of the highest character; that Lynch has a quick grasp on matters placed before him, is very efficient and an untiring worker; also, that he is thorough and entirely capable. He advised that Lynch requires no supervision in his duties; that he is a logical and clear thinker and has understanding and ability in handling his duties. He further advised that Lynch has a fine personality, has the faculty of getting the maximum amount of work done, and that he does so with the utmost efficiency. Further, that although Lynch is regarded as a competent administrator, he, [redacted] personally believes Lynch is superior in handling cases rather than in administrative activities. He advised that Lynch has a high sense of responsibility, is entirely dependable and possesses all those qualities desirable in a man being considered for important office. He averred Lynch has no preponderance towards intemperance, lives modestly within his means and there can be no question with respect to his character or background.

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[redacted] Cambridge, Massachusetts, and he was also [redacted]

[redacted] advised that from [redacted] he was [redacted] Securities

and Exchange Commission in Washington, D. C., and that he met Thomas J. Lynch in [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that Lynch was highly recommended to him and was employed [redacted] as an Associate Counsel from 1934 to 1937. [redacted] described Lynch as a first-class lawyer, very high-minded, and stated that he possesses the highest of professional standards. Continuing, [redacted] advised, Lynch is highly respected by his fellow attorneys as well as all his acquaintances and that he could not speak too highly of him. He went on to say that while he was past Counsel for the [redacted]

under his supervision. He stated that he considered Lynch the most capable and competent [redacted] and described him as being very conscientious and thorough in his work as well as trustworthy.

[redacted] advised that Lynch was reared as a Catholic but at the present time does not practice his religion. He stated that Lynch drinks in moderation but he does not believe he indulges to any excess. He advised Lynch is married, has one child and apparently lives within his income. He advised that Lynch accepted his Governmental appointment under a great financial loss inasmuch as at that time he held a very lucrative practice in Toledo, Ohio. [redacted] advised, however, that Lynch is very civic minded and is a liberal thinker. In conclusion, [redacted] stated that he would unqualifiedly recommend Lynch for any legal position because he felt Lynch would be an asset to the Government in view of his fine background and reputation.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION:

The following investigation was conducted at Mr. Lynch's residence at Rosedha Apartments, East Woodbine Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland:

[redacted] apartment house stated that Lynch had resided at that address from December, 1934, to September, 1935. She stated that he was an ideal tenant, drank very little and had no bad habits. [redacted] stated that she had one specific complaint to make in connection with his occupancy of the apartment at that address. On one evening in September, 1935, a son of former Secretary of War Darn, whose first name she did not recall and who was residing at this apartment house, became very intoxicated

and noisy to such an extent that her husband became very much disturbed and requested that [] refrain from making further noise as it was about 1:30 in the morning. She stated that Lynch, together with several others residing in the apartment house, remonstrated with her husband because of the complaint against [] who was the only one in the party who had been drinking to excess. She further stated her husband became so incensed over the matter that he requested all of the tenants who had remonstrated in behalf of [] to vacate their apartments by the first of the following month.

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[] stated that Lynch had resided in that house since [] and that both he and his wife were very satisfactory neighbors. She stated that she did not have much social intercourse with Lynch and his family, although she did converse at different times with Mrs. Lynch on occasions when they would each be in the yard in the rear of their respective homes. She stated that Lynch had one child and that their home life appeared to be very congenial. She stated she had not much occasion to observe Lynch, as he left early in the morning for his place of employment, and she noted that he returned later in the evening. She stated she knew that Lynch formerly resided at the Rosedelm Apartments in Chevy Chase, Maryland, but was unable to furnish the name of the rental agent of the house now occupied by him.

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[] the nearest occupied house to that of Lynch, stated that she was not acquainted with either Lynch or his family.

Inquiries conducted at the Credit Bureaus and the Metropolitan Police Department at Washington, D. C., reflected that Lynch enjoyed a good credit rating and that there was no police record against him in Washington, D. C.

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December 27, 1940

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Washington, D. C.

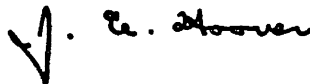
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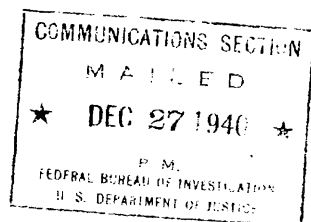
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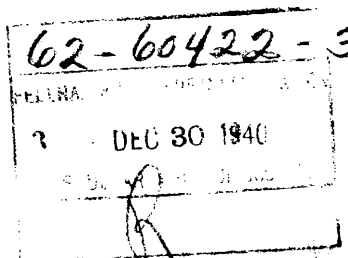
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 77-2658

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/16/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/27, 28/40	REPORT MADE BY KMG:JD1F
TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Police record negative, Washington, D. C. Credit record satisfactory. Employers speak highly of LYNCH's ability, integrity and loyalty and highly recommend him. Neighbors consider LYNCH loyal, trustworthy, ambitious and very admirable. - C - REFERENCE: Letter to the Bureau from the Washington Field Division dated December 20, 1940. DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u> <u>CRIMINAL RECORD</u> of the Metropolitan Police Department Identification Section searched his records and advised that his department had no record of THOMAS J. LYNCH having been arrested in Washington, D. C. Stone's Mercantile Agency, 1419 H Street, N.W., searched the records of that firm which reflected a report on LYNCH dated August 24, 1938 indicating that he was highly regarded by employers and persons contacted and at that time was receiving a salary of approximately \$9,000 per annum at the Securities and Exchange Commission as an attorney in the Monopoly Study Division. The file indicated that he was a			
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graduate of the University of Michigan with an LL.B. Degree, 1925 and had originally come from Chicago, Illinois, and Toledo, Ohio. LYNCH apparently possessed satisfactory credit rating and then resided at 2911 - 28th Street, N.W. No later information was available.

[redacted] The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N.W., produced a report on LYNCH dated August 24, 1938 which indicated LYNCH had resided at 2911 - 28th Street, N.W., 2021 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.; and the Rosshdu Apartments, East Woodbine Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland. The file further reflected that LYNCH is married to CHRISTINE W. LYNCH and the report further substantiated the information reflected in the file of Stone's Mercantile Agency. No later report was available at this time.

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[redacted] the Anti-Trust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised that LYNCH had been with the Department for a little over a year and during that time had been working solely in the Anti-Trust Division. [redacted] stated that LYNCH is a "likeable chap" and that LYNCH handles his work well and that no unfavorable connections were known to him. [redacted] further stated that he considers LYNCH absolutely trustworthy, honest, loyal and patriotic. LYNCH according to [redacted] is a sober individual who is very ambitious and likes a lot of action and according to [redacted] since the cases in the Anti-Trust Division began to drag as is common in that type of case, LYNCH has lost some of his enthusiasm. [redacted] further stated that LYNCH is well thought of by [redacted] the Anti-Trust Division and [redacted] also advised that everyone believes LYNCH to be intelligent and nothing derogatory is known concerning him. [redacted] further stated that LYNCH did not mix socially with the rest of the Division but he added that this was not due to any dislike of LYNCH. According to [redacted] the Department will gladly permit LYNCH to resign and will recommend him highly because they feel he will be bettering himself and will receive a salary which is more than they are able to offer him.

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[redacted] of LYNCH, [redacted] advised that LYNCH who lives at 102 Underwood and has resided

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there for the past two years is not an intimate of any of the neighbors although he is better known to the [] family than any other. According to [] the neighborhood is slightly aristocratic and as a result the LYNCH family has not attempted to force their way into acquaintance-ship. [] further stated that LYNCH is a friendly type and a very good neighbor; and she would believe him to be honest, trustworthy and loyal. [] stated that she had never heard anything of an unpatriotic nature concerning LYNCH or any rumors or statements to the effect that LYNCH possessed any radical tendencies. [] advised that she admired LYNCH very greatly and considers him a real intelligent individual; further, that she has never heard any derogatory remarks from any of the other neighbors and nothing which would indicate LYNCH was not highly regarded by them. [] also advised that [] appears to be a gentleman, rather sober and quiet and does not overindulge in the use of alcoholic beverages.

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[] advised that she had lived at that address for the past 12 years but did not know the LYNCH family or know that the name of the individuals residing at 102 Underwood was LYNCH. [] stated that she had seen LYNCH but had never had any occasion to become associated with him; further, that the family appeared to be all right and no complaints had ever been heard concerning them.

Inasmuch as this report is auxiliary to the report mentioned in reference letter and was intended to bring the period of investigation to date no further investigation is being conducted and the case is being closed.

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February 14, 1941

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Mr. Sidney Sherwood
Assistant Secretary
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense
Federal Reserve Building
Washington, D. C.

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Re: THOMAS J. LYNCH;
Special Inquiry - A.C.C.N.D.

My dear Mr. Sherwood:

With reference to those requests being made by your office for investigations of applicants, employees and one dollar a year men with The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, I wish to advise this Bureau is no longer authorized to conduct these investigations, this being in accordance with a recent ruling of The Honorable, The Attorney General of the United States.

In view of this all such investigations previously requested by your office have been discontinued and no further action is contemplated by this Bureau. There will, therefore, be no additional reports furnished you in these cases.

For your record purposes, there is being attached hereto a memorandum setting forth the names of those individuals relative to whom you have from time to time requested investigations, but in which cases no action has yet been taken by this Bureau.

With respect to all other names submitted by you, one or more reports have previously been furnished your office. However, as aforesaid, no additional reports will be forthcoming in the future.

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Mr. Sidney Sherwood

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With respect to those requests previously received in the Bureau, each of the names submitted by you, with the exception of those names appearing on the attached list, has previously been searched against the records in this Bureau and you have been advised concerning the results of this search. As regards the names appearing on the attached list, these too will be searched against the records in this Bureau to determine whether there are any prior records or reports on individuals of the same names contained therein. In those instances where such records are located, you will be furnished, within the immediate future, with the information reflected therein in the individual cases.

There are being returned herewith your most recent requests received in the Bureau, these being your letter of January 17th, last, concerning [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] and your letter of January 31st, last, concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

There are also being returned your enclosures attached to these communications. For your information, each of the names contained in these letters has been searched against the records in this Bureau without locating a record therein on any of these individuals.

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Please be assured of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest within the scope of the authority vested in this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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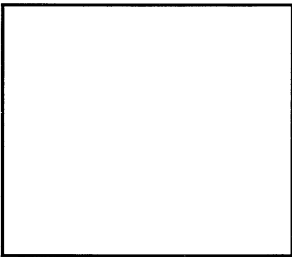
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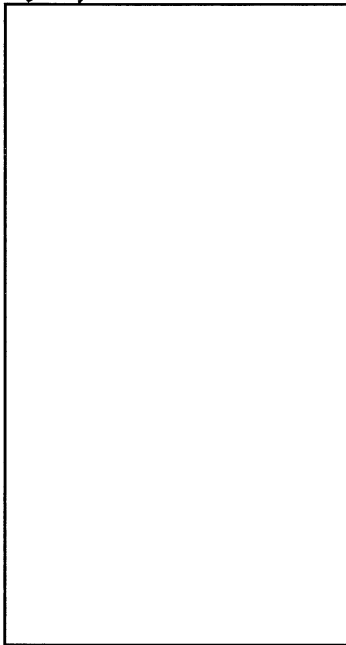
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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100-4367

Washington, D. C.

July 18, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH
INTERNAL SECURITY
HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the files of the Washington Field Division reflect that the above individual is listed on the mailing lists or membership lists of the following organizations:

National Lawyers Guild - report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Washington, D. C., May 15, 1941 - P. 398.

(wife, MRS. THOMAS J. LYNCH, is on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action - report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Washington, D. C., January 21, 1941 - P. 159.)

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Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee
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Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C.
October 28, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
ANTI-TRUST DIVISION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY
HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Bureau instructions to immediately initiate investigation of all employees of the Department of Justice whose names appear on the Dies Committee List recently furnished to this office, investigation of the above named employee was begun. It has been ascertained from the personnel office of the Department of Justice that MR. LYNCH was as of January 13, 1941, detailed to the National Defense Commission. MR. LYNCH receives a salary of \$7800.00 per annum from the department, which sum is reimbursed by the National Defense Commission. His duties with the department are to be resumed at the expiration of his detail with the National Defense Commission at some indeterminate future time.

In view of the above information, the Bureau is requested to advise this office its wishes regarding further investigation of MR. LYNCH as an employee of the department. Pending receipt of instructions, further investigation in this matter will be held in abeyance.

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Very truly yours,

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S. K. McKee
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Special Agent in Charge

Letter to WFO
11-19-41
S. K. McKee

November 19, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: THOMAS J. LYNCH,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.
Antitrust Division.
United States Department of Justice.
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT.

Dear Sir:

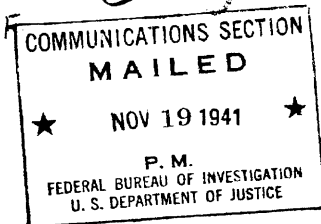
In answer to your inquiry set forth in your letter of October 28, 1941, relative to the above-entitled case, it is desired that Mr. Lynch be investigated as an employee of the Department of Justice.

Following the completion of all investigation, other than the personal interview, the Bureau should be immediately advised, in order that arrangements may be made to personally contact this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



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August 16, 1941

62-60422-8

RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH

Information contained in the files of this Bureau reveals that as of January 21, 1941, Thomas J. Lynch, Special Assistant in the Department of Justice, residing at 102 West Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, was a member of "The Washington Committee for Democratic Action," and as of May 15, 1941, was a member of "The National Lawyers Guild," both of which organizations are alleged to be Communist front organizations. (100-4590-9; 100-7321-6)

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Drayton _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

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62-60422-8
September 11, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY
MR. MATTHEW F. MCGUIRE

In accordance with your request that a search be made through the files of this Bureau of the names of persons employed in the Department of Justice, there are attached memoranda reflecting information which has been located in the Bureau's files on the basis of the search which you requested. You will appreciate the fact that since the Bureau was furnished only with the names of the Department employees, it is not possible to definitely state that the information included in the attached memoranda pertains to individuals of the same names who are employed in the Department. A separate memorandum has been prepared with respect to each name contained on your list on which there is a record in our files. Where possible, a notation is made in the memoranda indicating the probabilities that the information set forth may pertain to the individual who is employed by the Department.

You have previously been advised with respect to those names which you submitted concerning which there was either no record in our files or where no information of a derogatory nature could be located on the basis of the information furnished by you. In the case of very common names, the numerous references to the names in our files make it possible to identify information with the individuals employed in the Department without further identifying information.

I am also returning herewith the pay rolls which you submitted with your request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1941

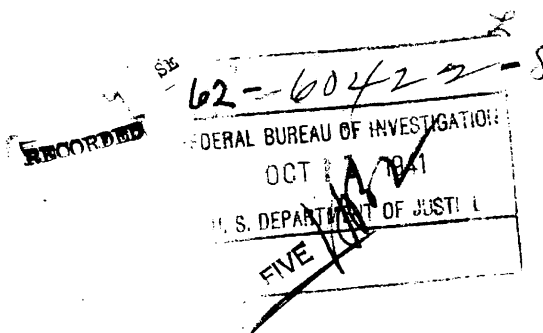
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Confirming telephonic conversation
between Mr. Foxworth of your office and Mr.
Vanech of this office, there are transmitted
herewith copies of pay rolls of the
Department in order that they may be checked
against your files.

After these lists have served their
purpose please return them to this office.

/s/ Matthew F. McGuire
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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January 9, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: THOMAS J. LYNCH,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.
Antitrust Division.
United States Department of Justice.
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT.

Dear Sir:

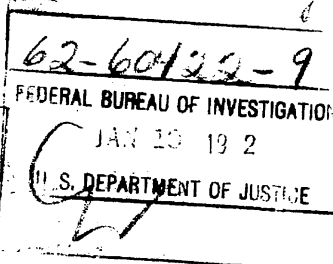
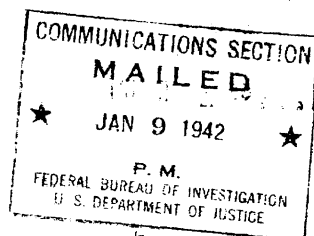
Reference is made to the Bureau's letter dated November 19, 1941, wherein you were instructed to consider Mr. Lynch as an employee of the Department of Justice in your investigation of him based on the fact that his name appears on the recent Dies list as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

As a review of the Bureau's file fails to reflect a report has been received, you are instructed to give this matter personal and preferred attention, in order that the inquiry may be completed as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Washington, D. C.**

FILE NO. **101-839**

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/8/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-23/30/31-41 ✓ 1-1/2/5/6/7-42	REPORT MADE BY FDH:KL b6 b7C
TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Anti-Trust Division, U.S. Department of Justice			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY HATCH ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

THOMAS J. LYNCH, 102 West Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, is a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Anti-Trust Division, U. S. Department of Justice and is presently detailed to the National Defense Commission. He is listed by the Dies Committee on un-American Activities as being a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. A confidential source advised the name of THOMAS J. LYNCH does not in fact appear on the active indices of that organization. Investigation failed to develop any information indicating that LYNCH is a member of any organization which is seeking to overthrow the government. Professional and social acquaintances consider him to be of excellent character and an extremely patriotic citizen.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated November 19, 1941 (62-60422)

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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I. PERSONAL HISTORY

A. The personnel file of THOMAS J. LYNCH at the U.S. Department of Justice reflects that he is 42 years of age, was born at Chicago, Illinois on May 12, 1899 and is an American citizen. Mr. LYNCH graduated from Niagara Falls High School in 1917 and subsequently attended the University of Michigan receiving a B.A. Degree from that institution in 1922. He studied Law at the University of Michigan Law School, graduating with an LLB Degree in 1925.

B. The personnel files of the Department of Justice further reflect that from June, 1925 to October, 1934 Mr. LYNCH was associated with the law firm of Marshall, Melhorn, Morlar and Martin in Toledo, Ohio. He entered government service on October 2, 1934 at which time he was appointed as a Principal Attorney (Trial) in the Securities and Exchange Commission at a salary of \$5600 per annum. On March 25, 1936 he was appointed Assistant General Counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which position was changed to Assistant General Counsel (Expert) on January 7, 1937. Effective May 8, 1939 Mr. LYNCH was appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Anti-Trust Division, United States Department of Justice, at a salary of \$7800 per annum. As of January 13, 1941 he was detailed to the National Defense Commission.

II. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, of which Representative MARTIN DIES is Chairman, lists THOMAS J. LYNCH, 102 West Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, Department of Justice Assistant General Counsel Expert, \$7800, as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

On December 23, 1941

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of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, informed Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office that that Committee has no further information on THOMAS J. LYNCH other than that which had previously been furnished to the Attorney General.

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An informant herein designated by the symbol [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had no information indicating that THOMAS J. LYNCH had ever been connected with any activities of this nature.

It was ascertained from a confidential source of information herein designated by the symbol [redacted] that the name of THOMAS J. LYNCH does not in fact appear on the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action but that the name of "Mrs. THOMAS J. LYNCH, 2911 28th Street, N. W." does appear in the active indices of that organization.

An informant [redacted]

5 [redacted] stated that he had been well acquainted with THOMAS J. LYNCH for about five years and that during that time he had never observed anything to indicate that LYNCH was at all disloyal to this country. Informant [redacted] advised that he had known LYNCH in both a professional and social capacity and had frequently come in contact with him during the period of their acquaintance. This informant knew of no organizations with which LYNCH had ever been connected other than the National Lawyers' Guild with which he said LYNCH had once been affiliated. He further stated LYNCH was one of the "conservative wing" of that organization, and that he had never heard any reports that LYNCH possessed radical views. Informant [redacted] commented that he regarded LYNCH as a very patriotic and loyal citizen who was in thorough accord with the democratic form of government and who had never been in any way connected with any organization which is seeking to overthrow the government.

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A source of information herein designated as informant [] who maintains files on Communistic activities in the District of Columbia, was unable to furnish any information indicating that THOMAS J. LYNCH was connected with any activities of this nature or was connected with any un-American organization.

An individual who will be referred to herein as

[] and who was formerly associated with THOMAS J. LYNCH in the Securities and Exchange Commission, advised that he had known LYNCH for the past six years, during which time they had had numerous business and social contacts. This informant has []

9 [] had opportunity to observe him on frequent occasions. Informant [] characterized LYNCH as "one of the most completely patriotic citizens I know". He went on to say that he had held many discussions with LYNCH concerning current events and national affairs and that during the course of these discussions LYNCH had never given the slightest indication that he entertained any radical ideas or that he was opposed to the American form of government. Informant [] further stated that so far as he knew LYNCH was not actively connected with any organizations, mainly due to the fact that he had very little spare time due to the pressure of his work. Informant described LYNCH as the type who spent what little spare time he had at home with his wife and family. Informant stated []

[] had never observed anything to indicate LYNCH was in any way connected with any un-American groups. He said that it was his opinion based upon his close association with LYNCH during the past several years, that LYNCH was 100% for the American form of government and as good a citizen as anyone in this country.

An official of the Securities and Exchange Commission referred to herein as informant [] advised that during the time LYNCH had been employed by the Securities and Exchange Commission there had been nothing to indicate

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he was engaged in any activities of an un-American nature. This informant stated that LYNCH was a skillful and thorough lawyer and that he prepared his cases with great care. This informant was unable to furnish any further pertinent information concerning LYNCH'S affiliations or activities.

Confidential Informant [] who maintains files of general interest on residents of the District of Columbia, advised that nothing appeared in those files indicating that THOMAS J. LYNCH was connected with any un-American activities or had ever sought the overthrow of this government.

[] LYNCH family, who will be designated herein by the symbol [] advised that she had seen LYNCH but had never had any occasion to become associated with him. This informant advised that no complaints had ever been heard concerning any member of the LYNCH family.

[] THOMAS J. LYNCH, [] advised that LYNCH had resided at 102 West Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland since 1939 but that he was not intimately known to any of the residents of that neighborhood. Informant [] stated that she had never heard anything of an un-patriotic nature concerning LYNCH nor any rumors or statements to the effect that LYNCH possessed any radical tendencies. She further advised that she considered LYNCH to be honest, trustworthy and loyal and that she had never heard any derogatory remarks of any of the other neighbors which would indicate that LYNCH was not highly regarded by them.

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herein as informant [] advised that he had been casually acquainted with THOMAS J. LYNCH since the time LYNCH moved to his present address approximately three years ago. This informant substantiated the information given by informant []

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[] and stated that he had never heard any reports of dis-loyal or radical tendencies on the part of LYNCH. He went on to state that LYNCH was married, had two children, and that the entire family was well regarded in the neighborhood. He stated that on occasions he had visited LYNCH and had never observed anything on these visits which would lead him to believe that LYNCH was active in any organization of an un-American character. He advised that LYNCH never appeared to have any meetings at his home and that the family appeared to lead a quiet, normal life.

An official of the United States Department of Justice, herein referred to as informant [] advised that since LYNCH had been in the Anti-Trust Division of that Department he had handled his work well and had no unfavorable connections so far as informant knew. This informant further stated that he considered LYNCH to be absolutely trustworthy, honest, loyal and patriotic. He further stated that everyone who knew LYNCH held him in high regard and that he never heard any derogatory information concerning him.

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INFORMANTS

[Redacted]

U. S. Department of Justice.

[Redacted]

Securities and Exchange Commission.

[Redacted]

Exchange Commission

Securities and

[Redacted]

at 108 West
Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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Anti-Trust Division, U. S. Department of Justice

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October 23, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I am attaching hereto a list of the more prominent personages who appear upon the list of employees of the Federal government alleged to be affiliated with subversive organizations as outlined by Mr. Dies in the material which he submitted to the Attorney General. There are 66 persons on the list which I have selected and it is proposed that after an appropriate investigation of these 66 people, a letter be addressed over your signature to each of these individuals, inviting him to call at the Bureau for the purpose of being interviewed by an Assistant Director (preferably Mr. Ladd). Because of the positions held by these people, it is believed more desirable to have them interviewed by a ranking official of the Bureau than by a subordinate Agent of the Washington Field Office. In addition, I believe that we may obtain more valuable information through this type of interview because of the prestige attached to a Bureau Official's position than would be obtained by a relatively young Special Agent.

I desire to point out that the list submitted by Mr. Dies is obviously not current and it is not improbable that some of the people will be found to be no longer employed in the Federal government, or in positions other than those described in the attached list. Indicative of this type of information is the fact that the name of [redacted] appears on the list as [redacted] in the office of the Solicitor of the Labor Department at \$5,600 per year.

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You might desire to contact certain of the persons on the attached list by telephone and indicate that you would have an Assistant Director call upon them for the purpose of interviewing them, and I have marked with an asterisk those names on which you may desire to have this procedure followed.

Appropriate letters will be prepared today sending copies of these lists, in so far as they pertain to the War and Navy Departments, to G-2 and ONI, respectively.

Memoranda are being addressed to the Department today inquiring what action should be taken with reference to those groups which the Department has not yet declared to be subversive. A similar inquiry is being addressed to the Department in connection with employees of the District government.

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Respectfully,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Edward A. Tamm U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attachment

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Lynch, Thomas J.
102 F. Underwood St.
Chevy Chase, Md.

Assistant \$7800
General Council
Expert

Member, Washington Committee for Democratic Action

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Division, 1437 K St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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101-839

January 8, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH
Special Assistant to the Attorney
General, Anti-Trust Division
U. S. Department of Justice
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Attention: Mr. D. M. LADD

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the report of Special Agent [redacted] in the above entitled matter dated at Washington, D. C. January 8, 1942.

Mr. LYNCH is one of the sixty-six individuals appearing on the Dies List who are to be interviewed by a Bureau official and who are not to be interviewed by this Office. It is respectfully requested that this Office be notified upon completion of the interview in order that this case may be closed.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee
S. K. McKEE
Special Agent in Charge

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February 14, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
ANTITRUST DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to have Mr. Thomas J. Lynch inter-
viewed by either Special Agent [redacted] In
the event that Special Agent [redacted] is unavailable to
conduct the above-mentioned interview, Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] should be advised so that they may conduct the
interview.

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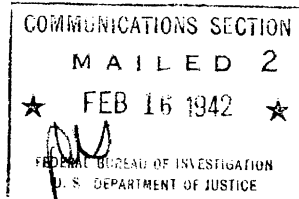
The above confirms the telephonic conversation had
with Special Agent [redacted] on January 27, 1942.

You are directed to give this matter preferred and
expeditious attention so that an investigative report may
be submitted within ten days from the receipt of this com-
munication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Carson _____
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Hoffman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH
Special Assistant to the Attorney
General, Anti-Trust Division
U. S. Department of Justice
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Reference is made to the attached letter from the Washington Field Office dated January 8, 1942, enclosing a report from that office as prepared by Special Agent [redacted] dated January 8, 1942, which sets forth the substantive investigation conducted in the above-captioned case.

As Mr. Lynch is shown on the list of persons to be interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and myself, Special Agent [redacted] was telephonically contacted on January 27, 1942, and requested that Mr. Lynch be interviewed at the Washington Field Office, if possible, by either himself or Agent [redacted]

Agent [redacted] was further advised that should their work preclude an interview with Mr. Lynch, [redacted] or myself would be glad to call at the Washington Field Office for this work in the event appropriate arrangements were perfected by the Washington Field Office.

Respectfully,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FILE NO. 101-839

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/28/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/12,17/42	REPORT MADE BY FDR:KSM
TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH Special Assistant to the Attorney General Antitrust Division United States Department of Justice			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY HATCH ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: THOMAS J. LYNCH , upon interview, denied membership or activity in the <u>Washington Committee for Democratic Action</u> or any organization having as its objective the overthrow of the present form of government. Sworn statement taken during interview was subsequently signed by <u>MR. LYNCH</u> .			
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DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u>			
On March 12, 1942, THOMAS J. LYNCH was interviewed by Special Agent in the presence of Stenographer at which time a sworn statement of the interview was taken in question-and-answer form. On March 17, 1942, MR. LYNCH read a transcript of this statement and after making certain corrections thereon signed it in the presence of Special Agent . The original statement, together with the stenographic notes of the interview, is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. The statement, with the corrections made by MR. LYNCH indicated thereon, reads as follows:			
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March 12, 1942

Statement of THOMAS J. LYNCH made in the presence of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] and Stenographer [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Questions by Agent [redacted]

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- Q. Mr. LYNCH, in explanation I might say we have requested your voluntary appearance here today, not for the purpose of conducting a hearing, but to give you an opportunity to make any statement during the interview you so desire, and to answer questions pertaining to the investigation. As you are probably aware, the FBI has been empowered by the 77th Congress of the United States under Public Law #135 to investigate the employees of the Federal Government who are alleged to be members of subversive organizations or who advocate the overthrow of the Federal Government, and report our findings to Congress. You may decline to answer any question you desire. A copy of the report of this investigation, which will incorporate your statement, will be furnished to the agency by whom you are employed. I might say further that after the notes of this interview have been transcribed, you will be given an opportunity to read them and make such changes as you might wish to make. Now, in order that the statements made by you may have particular credence, you will be placed under oath. Do you have any objections to taking an oath?
- A. None at all.
- Q. Will you raise your right hand please. Do you solemnly swear that the statements you are about to make will be made without mental reservation and are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
- A. I do.
- Q. Will you state your full name please.
- A. THOMAS J. LYNCH.
- Q. Where are you employed?
- A. I am employed at the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Anti-Trust Division, and for sometime past I

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have been on loan to the War Production Board, formerly the Office of Production Management. However, I am still employed by the Department of Justice.

Q. Your salary is paid to you out of the Department of Justice appropriation?

A. Yes, but I believe the War Production Board reimburses them while I am there, but I am still under the Justice Department.

Q. How long have you been employed by the Department of Justice?

A. Since July of 1936.

Q. What is your present home address please?

A. 102 West Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Q. Mr. LYNCH, are you a member or have you ever been a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action?

A. I have not.

Q. Have you ever attended any meetings of that organization?

A. I have not.

Q. Have you ever given any money or offered personal services in interest of the organization?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Have you ever received any literature from this organization?

TJL having received any:

A. I don't recall/if I did, it didn't leave any impression on my mind. In fact I don't know what the organization is.

Q. Are you at the present time a member of any organization which you have reason to believe is dominated by the Communist Party of the United States or may be controlled and its policies dictated by a foreign government?

A. None that I know of. Perhaps the easiest answer would be to tell you the organizations I belong to. I have been strictly a non-joiner, I think.

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Q. If you would like to enumerate the organizations, it would be satisfactory.

A. Eliminating insurance companies and things of that character, there are bar associations. ~~I/ bbb/bbb/ bbb/ bbb/~~ I was formerly a member of the Ohio State Bar Association. I may be still a member although I have been inactive since leaving Ohio and coming to Washington late in October, 1934. In Washington I for a time belonged to the Washington Chapter of the Lawyers Guild. I believe that covered possibly ~~three years~~ ^{two} from its beginning. I have from time to time subscribed to the American ~~stated~~ Civil Liberties Union which I don't conceive to be subversive according to my knowledge of it ~~bbb/ bbb/ bbb/~~ purposes. As far as I know that is the extent of my joining. TJL

Q. Have you at any time to your knowledge taken any action, made any statements or received any literature which might be construed by a third party as indicating membership on your part in an organization having as its objective an overthrow of this form of Government?

A. None that I know of. Perhaps periodicals - are you interested in them?

Q. Conceivably that might be interpreted by a third party as indicating something of that nature.

A. Say three or four years ago I was a subscriber to New Masses magazine in addition to the New Republic, The Nation and the Washington Star and the Washington Post. I take it, however, that came under the heading of light reading and doesn't indicate anything more than reading a periodical.

Q. Mr. LYNCH, in conclusion is there anything that you would like to say at this time that you feel would be of pertinent nature concerning the inquiry being made?

A. Not unless you have something to suggest. I can't think of anything myself relating to any connections or interest I have or have had ~~any~~ at any ~~the~~ times with regard to any organization which might be classified as subversive. Of course, I realize that in any cases like this perhaps my name might have been on some mailing list. I don't know ~~if/ bbb/ bbb/~~ of any, but like everyone else, I ~~am~~ ^{may be} on a number of ~~subversive~~ ^{sucker} mailing lists. TJL

Q. I think the questions that I have asked you, Mr. LYNCH, about cover everything in mind, so if there is nothing else, thank you very kindly.

Witness:

/s/ b7C
Special Agent b6
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

/s/ Thomas J. Lynch

THOMAS J. LYNCH

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THOMAS J. LYNCH
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Antitrust Division
United States Department of Justice

Report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated
March 28, 1942, at
Washington, D. C.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On March 12, 1942, THOMAS J. LYNCH was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] in the presence of Stenographer [redacted] at which time a sworn statement of the interview was taken in question-and-answer form. On March 17, 1942, MR. LYNCH read a transcript of this statement and after making certain corrections thereon signed it in the presence of Special Agent [redacted]. The original statement, together with the stenographic notes of the interview, is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. The statement, with the corrections made by MR. LYNCH indicated thereon, reads as follows:

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. UGO CARUSI
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information an investigation has been instituted by this Bureau concerning Mr. Thomas J. Lynch, who is employed by the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Antitrust Division, under the provisions of Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, as his name is listed by Congressman Martin Dies as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

I am transmitting herewith one copy each of the following investigative reports reflecting the results of this inquiry:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 8, 1942, at Washington, D. C.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 28, 1942, at Washington, D. C.

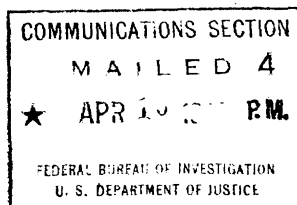
Inasmuch as our final report to Congress must be completed in every respect, I would appreciate receiving your official comment as to the ultimate disposition of this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UGO CARUSI
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

April 20, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In re: Thomas J. Lynch, investigation
under Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress.

The Attorney General today has approved the
recommendation of the Departmental Committee which has
considered this case that no disciplinary action is war-
rented, and that the investigation may now be closed.

Ugo Carusi
Executive Assistant to
the Attorney General

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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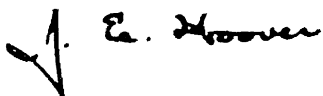
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Washington, D. C.RE: THOMAS J. LYNCH,
Special Assistant to the Attorney
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INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT.

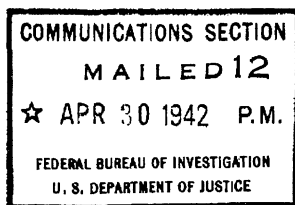
Dear Sir:

For your information and the completion of your files this is to advise that the above-mentioned government agency has advised the Bureau, after a review of the report submitted by your office, that no administrative action is being taken against the subject of this investigation.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

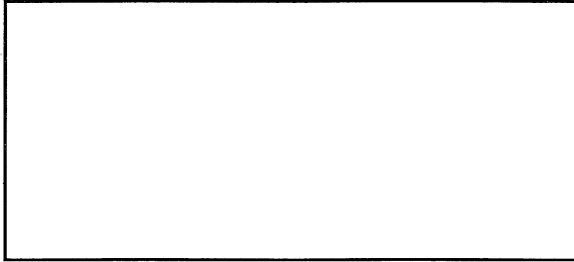
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Pursuant to your request, there is attached hereto
summary memoranda pertaining to Thomas J. Lynch

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

Attachments

☒ Tamm
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☐ Coffey
☐ Glavin
☐ Ladd
☒ Nichols
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THOMAS J. LYNCH *Summary*

The above individual was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1939 in connection with his application for a legal position with the Department of Justice. A supplementary investigation was conducted in December of 1940 as a result of a special inquiry from the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense. In November of 1941 he was made the subject of a Hatch Act investigation due to the fact that his name appeared on a Dies list as having been a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. At the present time he is an Assistant General Counsel with the Treasury Department.

I. PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Thomas J. Lynch was born May 12, 1899 in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from the Niagara Falls High School, Niagara Falls, New York, and subsequently entered the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. From October, 1919, to June, 1922, he was enrolled in the Engineering School at the University of Michigan. At that time he transferred to the Law School from which he graduated in June of 1925 with an LL.B. degree. While in the Engineering School he was a "B" student, and his Law School grades were just slightly below this average. While attending the University of Michigan, Lynch engaged in extra-curricular activities, being President of the Student Council, President of the Michigan Union, and a member of Phi Alpha Delta, a legal fraternity. As of May, 1939, he was married and had one child.

II. EMPLOYMENT

From June, 1925, to October, 1934, Lynch was associated with Marshall, Melhorn, Morlar and Martin, a leading law firm of Toledo, Ohio. In October, 1934, he accepted a position as Trial Attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D. C., and was subsequently promoted to the position of Assistant General Counsel (expert) which position he held in May of 1939 when he was appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Anti-Trust Division, United States Department of Justice. While remaining on the rolls of the Department of Justice he was loaned to the National Defense Commission (January 13, 1941), and subsequently to the War Production Board. As previously stated, he is presently an Assistant General Counsel with the Treasury Department.

III. ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

During the course of an interview in connection with the Hatch Act investigation, Mr. Lynch stated that he was a member of various bar associations, and was at one time a member of the Washington Chapter of the Lawyers Guild.

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and had from time to time subscribed to the Civil Liberties Union. He also advised that he had subscribed to various publications, including the New Masses magazine and the New Republic. Investigation reflected that his name was not listed in the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, although his wife's name was so listed. He has been described as a person who admires and supports the New Deal Administration and one who is interested in social and welfare problems. The various investigations of Lynch failed to reflect his membership in any organizations other than those already mentioned.

IV. CHARACTER AND REPUTATION

While attending the University of Michigan, Lynch was known as a person of good moral character who was industrious, and who possessed a good personality. His personal and business associates have described him as being an exceptionally able lawyer, of good character and reputation, who has been noted for his fairness and gentlemanly conduct. He has also been described as being a very discreet person who is able to get a great deal of information without disclosing any information of value. All neighborhood investigations of him have been very favorable.

On the basis of the information developed by the Hatch Act investigation of this person, the Attorney General approved the recommendation of the Departmental Committee to the effect that no disciplinary action was warranted.

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February 17, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is before the Commission at the present time the case of Thomas Joseph Lynch, (born May 12, 1899), Chief Attorney, Office of the Director General, War Production Board, who has been proposed for classification in an attorney position under the Ramspeck Act. It is understood that this person was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, pursuant to Public Laws 135 and 644, and that a copy of the report was retained in the F. B. I. files.

It is respectfully requested that in order to avoid duplication of investigative work, copy of the report of investigation for Mr. Lynch be made available to the Commission. The report will be returned to the F. B. I. at the earliest possible date.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By Direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

L. A. Moyer
Executive Director
and Chief Examiner



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March 8, 1944

Mr. L. A. Moyer
Executive Director
and Chief Examiner
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson Dear Mr. Moyer:

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

With reference to your request that this Bureau furnish you
Mr. Coffey with copies of our investigative reports involving Thomas Joseph Lynch,
Mr. Glavin now an employee of the War Production Board, it is suggested that since
Mr. Ladd the investigation to which you make reference, was conducted at the time
Mr. Nichols Mr. Lynch was an employee of the Department of Justice, you may wish to
Mr. Rosen communicate with the Attorney General in this regard.

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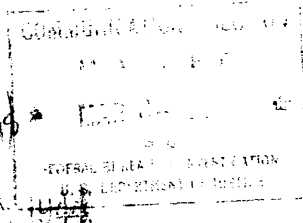
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MR. EDWARD J. ENNIS,
ACTING HEAD, WAR DIVISION
J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

HATCH ACT INVESTIGATION

In compliance with the oral request of [redacted] there is
enclosed a copy of each of the following investigative reports relating
to Thomas J. Lynch:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 8,
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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 28,
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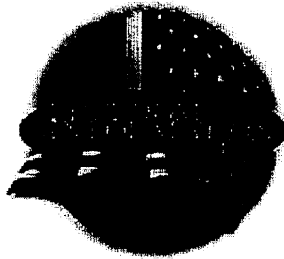


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SUBJECT THOMAS J. LYNCH

FILE NUMBER 77-9872

SECTION NUMBER 1



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Department of Justice
Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General
Washington

April 5, 1939

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowl	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. McIntire	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Please conduct the usual investigation of the character and qualifications of Mr. Thomas J. Lynch of 2911-28th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., who has been suggested for appointment to a legal position within the Department of Justice.

Mr. Lynch was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 12, 1899. He attended the University of Michigan from 1919 to 1925, having studied in the College of Engineering from 1919 to 1921, the Literary College from 1921 to 1922 and the Law School from 1922 to 1925, receiving his LL.B. in the latter year. From July 1, 1925 to October 1, 1934, he was connected with the law firm of Marshall, Melhorn, Morlar and Martin (now Marshall, Melhorn, Davies, Wall and Block) of Toledo, Ohio and since that time has been with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D. C., where he is now serving in the capacity of Assistant General Counsel. He is a legal resident of Toledo, Ohio.

It is requested that information be obtained concerning the particular kind of practice Mr. Lynch has been engaged in since his admission to the Bar.

Matthew F. McGuire
Matthew F. McGuire

Acting Assistant to the Attorney General

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: THOMAS J. LYNCH,
DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT,
LEGAL POSITION

Dear Sir:

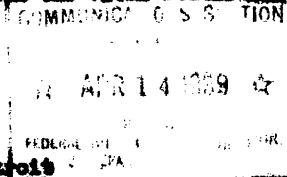
It is requested that you conduct a thorough and discreet investigation regarding the reputation, character and qualifications of Mr. Thomas J. Lynch who is being considered for appointment to a legal position in the Department.

Mr. Lynch's address is given as 2911 28th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 12, 1899. He attended the University of Michigan from 1919 to 1923, having studied in the College of Engineering from 1919 to 1921, the Literary College from 1921 to 1922, and the Law School from 1922 to 1923, receiving his LL.B. degree in 1923. From July 1, 1923 to October 1, 1934, he was connected with the law firm of Marshall, Malhorn, Morlar and Martin (now Marshall, Malhorn, Davies, Wall and Klock) of Toledo, Ohio. Since that time he has been with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D. C., where he is now serving in the capacity of Assistant General Counsel. He is a legal resident of Toledo, Ohio.

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It is desired that you ascertain the particular kind of practice he has engaged in since his admission to the Bar.

The Washington Field Office is designated as office of origin. If the date and place of the applicant's birth are not verified during the investigation by the offices receiving copies of this letter, a lead should be set out for the Chicago Field Office to check the Vital Statistics for this information.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: THOMAS J. LEECH
DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT,
LEGAL POSITION

Dear Sir:

The Department has requested that the investigation of this case be expedited.

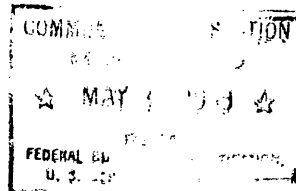
It is therefore desired that you complete the investigation and submit a report immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FILE NO. 77-231

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 4/22/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/19/39	REPORT MADE BY b7C ITE
TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH			CHARACTER OF CASE b6 DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, LEGAL POSITION.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Applicant attended University of Michigan Engineering School from September, 1919 to June, 1922, having matriculated from High School, Niagara Falls, New York in 1919. Average grades in this school were "B." He attended University of Michigan Law School from September, 1922, graduating in June, 1925, with almost a "B" average. Instructor and associate state Applicant honest, industrious and well liked, with excellent personality. Applicant was President of Student Council and Michigan Union. No credit or criminal record. -RUC- REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated April 14, 1939. DETAILS: At <u>ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN:</u> University of Michigan, exhibited the University records of THOMAS J. LYNCH, which reflected on a certification dated June 21, 1922, that MR. THOMAS JOSEPH LYNCH of Niagara Falls, New York, had entered the Engineering School in October, 1919, on high school credits from the High School, Niagara Falls, New York; that he attended the Engineering School from 1919 to 1922 and one summer session in 1920; that during this time his average marks were "B" and that after completing sixty-nine hours of credit he was transferred			
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to the Law School, which certification was O.K.'d by deceased Dean EFFINGER on June 26, 1922.

The Law School record reflects that Applicant was born May 12, 1909. Under "Parent or Guardian" there was given CATHERINE CASEY, 224 First Street, Niagara Falls, New York; that certification of sixty-nine hours from the College of Engineering had been received; that he attended the Law School from September 26, 1922 to June 18, 1923, from September 25, 1923 to June 16, 1924, five weeks summer session from July 23 to August 28, 1924, from September 23, 1924 to June 15, 1925, at which time he graduated and lacked just ten points of being a "B" student and receiving a Juris Doctor degree rather than an LLB degree. However, [] stated that LYNCH had been President of the Student Council, which had taken a great deal of his time, and that if it had not been for these extra-curricular activities LYNCH would have received a Juris Doctor degree.

[] stated that LYNCH had been a student of such caliber that he had gone to the leading law firm in Toledo, Ohio, and that MR. MANNY J. MARSHALL only took the best students and that working for MARSHALL's firm was an education in itself.

[] stated that he had been personally acquainted with LYNCH; that he had been about a year ahead of him in school and had known him as a friend; that LYNCH was of excellent morals, always honest, fine character, nice personality, had been a member of the Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity, and had also been acquainted with LYNCH in Toledo. He stated that there was nothing that he knew which was derogatory toward LYNCH; that LYNCH had never been in any trouble of any kind during the time he was in college; that the records on LYNCH do not reflect any disciplinary action ever taken against him. He stated that he could unconditionally recommend LYNCH for a legal position with the Department.

[] advised that she remembered Applicant very well and in a most favorable way; that she had observed him all during the time he

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was in Law School and found him to be very reliable, likeable, sincere and industrious.

[redacted] of the Michigan Union, stated that she remembered Applicant while he was attending the University of Michigan; that she had been associated with him a great deal during the time he was President of the Michigan Union and had found him to be most capable in directing activities of committees working on different enterprises of the Michigan Union; that he had shown initiative, was industrious, always pleasant and had a very nice personality. She stated that he was a very bright young man and all during the time she had known him she had observed nothing derogatory about him.

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[redacted] of the Ann Arbor Credit Bureau advised that there was no credit rating in the files of the Bureau for THOMAS JOSEPH LYNCH.

[redacted] Identification Division, Ann Arbor Police Department, stated that there was no criminal record for THOMAS JOSEPH LYNCH nor did he recall the name ever having come to his attention.

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FILE NO. **77-72**

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 4-29-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-26-39	REPORT MADE BY VID
TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH			CHARACTER OF CASE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT -- LEGAL POSITION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] of the firm of Marshall, Melhorn, Davies, Wall & Bloch, Toledo, Ohio, describes applicant as best law lawyer he ever had, stating applicant is thorough and good in research work. States he felt applicant was slow but this was probably due to his desire to be thorough and efficient. [redacted] stated applicant handled very little litigation but what he handled was well done. [redacted] states habits of applicant were good; that he was a gentleman in every respect, and that he never heard of his being involved in any trouble. He recommends him for position sought. Neighborhood investigation disclosed nobody who knew applicant. Credit rating satisfactory. No criminal record located. - RUC - Reference: Letter from Bureau to Washington field office dated April 14, 1939 (77-9872). Details: AT TOLEDO, OHIO [redacted] of the firm of Marshall, Melhorn, Davies, Wall & Bloch, formerly Marshall, Melhorn, Morlar & Martin, 1434 Nicholas Building, advised that applicant worked for him from the time he graduated from Michigan University until he accepted appointment with the Securities Exchange Com-			
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mission. [] stated that applicant was "the best law lawyer I ever had in this place," stating he was sound, thorough and very good in research work and that any work performed by LYNCH was beautifully done. [] advised that his firm handles very little litigation and that applicant therefore did not have much of that work but what litigation he handled was well done. [] stated that applicant has written several briefs which have drawn the respect from the lawyers of the entire State of Ohio. He stated that applicant was a little slow but this could probably be explained by applicant's desire to do a good job and from his unwillingness to take anything for granted.

[] stated that he gets to know his boys intimately; that there was not a thing wrong with applicant as far as character or anything else was concerned, when he knew him, remarking that applicant's habits were good; that he was a gentleman in every respect and that he had never heard of applicant's being involved in any trouble. [] stated the reason applicant left his employment was that he felt his opportunities with the company were limited and that he could better himself by accepting a position with the Securities Exchange Commission.

[] stated that he would unqualifiedly recommend applicant for the position sought. He also stated he would hire applicant back if the occasion should arise and would do so particularly if he wanted somebody to work on a thing and follow it through until it was completed.

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[] said that applicant married CHRISTINE GALLAGHER, who was a stenographer for the firm and was a fine girl in every respect and was wholesome and dependable.

[] Merchants Credit and Adjustment Company, 140 Huron Street, advised that applicant's accounts have been inactive since 1933 but that his credit rating is satisfactory and that there is nothing detrimental in the file. She also advised that his wife's rating was satisfactory; that her records reflect applicant lives at 2005 Oakwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Inquiry in the neighborhood of 2005 Oakwood Avenue, disclosed no one who knew applicant. It was noted this was a duplex apartment where people move in and out frequently and it was learned the place has recently changed ownership.

[] lieutenant-clerk, police department, could locate no criminal record on applicant.

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REPORT MADE AT Washington, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/11/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/1-5,10/39	REPORT MADE BY CBB:JGM
TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH			CHARACTER OF CASE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT LEGAL POSITION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant employed by Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D. C. from October, 1934 to date, successively as principal attorney, assistant general counsel, assistant general counsel (expert) with excellent record for ability and efficiency. Applicant presently detailed as counsel to the "Monopoly Study" now pending in the Securities and Exchange Commission. Neighborhood investigation generally favorable. Applicant has good credit rating and no local police record.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letters dated April 14 and May 8, 1939 (77-9872).

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

**EMPLOYMENT WITH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION, a GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, WASH.D.C.**

Personnel Record of Applicant

At the office of
Securities and Exchange Commission, room 304, SEC Building, corner
of 18th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.,

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[redacted] produced the personnel record of applicant for Agent's inspection. The original application made by applicant reflected that he was born at Chicago, Illinois on May 12, 1899; that he was graduated from the Niagara Falls High School, Niagara Falls, New York in December, 1917 and from the University of Michigan with a degree of B.A. in 1922 and from the law school of the University of Michigan with a degree of LL.B. in 1925. This application further reflected that he had been employed by Marshall, Melhorn, Marlar and Martin, attorneys in the Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio from June, 1925 to October, 1934 with successive increases in salary from \$1800 per annum to approximately \$9,000 per annum. This application further reflected that he had become associated with the firm as an associate attorney in the latter period of his service with them.

A report on his application by the Commission reflected the following comment: that his rank at the University of Michigan Law School was slightly below the honor rating; that he had no military service except with the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Michigan and reported on his political affiliations as follows: "He is a Democrat but with unimpressive political backing".

Principal Attorney, SEC.

Applicant's personnel record reflected that he entered on duty on October 2, 1934 as principal attorney (trial) the position being classified in the classification rating as professional-6, the opening salary of applicant being \$5600 per annum. The classification sheet contained in this file indicated that the duties of this position were as follows:

"The preparation for trial of the most complex and difficult cases in connection with the administration of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. These cases are tried before either trial examiners of the commission or members of the commission and the work requires a high degree of professional skill and

experience and the exercise of trained and independent judgment in procedure, examination and consideration of important questions of law, evidence and fact.

The briefing of cases, the briefing of appeals to the Federal Courts and the arguing of cases before the Federal Courts on behalf of the Commission. The preparation of opinions on legal questions involving the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934".

The efficiency rating included in this personnel record under date of May 28, 1935 rated the applicant as excellent in all of the subdivisions included under the three main rating designations:

"Quality and Performance
Productiveness
Qualifications Shown on the Job".

Applicant received an increase in salary while in this position as of July 1, 1935, to \$6,000 per annum.

Assistant General Counsel

On March 25, 1936, applicant was promoted to the position of Assistant General Counsel of the SEC without any increase in salary. In connection with the promotion to this position, a memorandum was noted in the personnel file which contained the following comment as to the qualification of applicant for promotion to the position of Assistant General Counsel:

He has displayed unusual ability as a trial lawyer. His former practice with Marshall, Melhorn, Marlar and Martin included corporate matters in connection with the organization and reorganization of corporations and trial work in the State and Federal Courts.

The duties of the position of Assistant General Counsel are reflected in the personnel record as follows:

To act as administrative and legal assistant to the general counsel in advising the Commission on questions relating to the interpretation and the enforcement of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. To be in charge of inquiries received by the Commission from the public and other attorneys as to the application of the provisions of both the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and to advise them how they may comply with the provisions of said acts.

It was noted in this connection that applicant, among the other duties, had supervision of some 12 attorneys of the commission in connection with the work of Assistant General Counsel. While in this position, applicant received an increase to \$6,500 per annum.

Assistant General Counsel (Expert)

Applicant was promoted to the above position on January 7, 1937 receiving at that time an increase in salary to \$7,500 per annum. The duties of this position, in addition to the duties performed by him as Assistant General Counsel, included special assignments on some particular problem before the Commission in connection with the enforcement of the Securities Act of 1933, and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. In this position, applicant received an increase in salary as of July 16, 1938 to \$7,800 per annum.

On July 20, 1938 applicant was detailed to serve as counsel to the "Monopoly Study" now pending in the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the enforcement of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

REFERENCES

Past and Present General Counsels for the
SEC.

[redacted] Securities and Exchange Commission, room 1104, SEC Building, stated that he had been [redacted] Commission since [redacted] and that prior to that time he had been [redacted]

[redacted] stated that it was natural that applicant was disappointed not to have received the appointment to the position of general counsel of the Commission, in view of the fact that he was a senior of all of the men in the position of assistant general counsel. [redacted] stated that applicant was a skillful and thorough lawyer in that he prepared his cases with great care and acted as a trial lawyer with judgment and vigor. [redacted] further stated that applicant was a clean-cut man of excellent habits and that the only criticism anyone might make of him was that he might be slow in performing it, but [redacted] believed that this was more than overcome because of the thoroughness with which applicant performed his work. [redacted] stated that applicant's previous superiors would be in a better position to give information as to the quality of applicant's work as he had been under his immediate supervision for only a short period of time. He referred Agent for further information to [redacted]

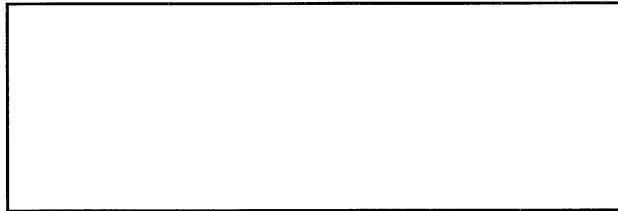
[redacted] from January, 1937 to August, 1938 and who is presently a member of the faculty of Yale University Law School at New Haven, Connecticut. [redacted] stated that [redacted] during the period from October, 1934 to January, 1937 and that [redacted] is presently engaged in the practice of law at [redacted] New York City under his own name.

A telegram was transmitted by the Washington Field Office to the New York Division requesting an immediate interview with both [redacted]

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References at Toledo, Ohio

It was noted in the original application of applicant that the following references were included therein:



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A wire was transmitted by the Washington Field Office to the Cleveland Office of the Bureau requesting that the above noted gentlemen be immediately interviewed, in view of the fact that they may be able to supply additional information as to the "particular kind of practice applicant has engaged in since his admission to the Bar", than was reflected in the report of Special Agent [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, dated April 29, 1939.

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory,
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This volume reflects that applicant is listed as an associate in the firm of Marshall, Melhorn, Marlar and Martin, attorneys located in the Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio. This volume further indicates that this firm is counsel for nationally known industrial concerns, for leading local financial institutions and for nationally known insurance and surety companies.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office at Rosedhu Apartments, E. Woodbine Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

[redacted] apartment house stated that applicant had resided at that address from December, 1934 to September, 1935. She stated that he was an ideal tenant, drank very little and had no bad habits. [redacted] stated that she had one specific complaint to make in connection with his occupancy of the apartment at that address. On one evening in September, 1935 a son of former Secretary of War DERN, whose first name she did not recall and who was residing at this apartment, became very intoxicated and noisy to such an extent that her husband became very much disturbed and requested that MR. DERN refrain from making further noise as it was about 1:30 in the morning. She stated that applicant, together with several others residing in the apartment house, remonstrated with her husband because of the complaint against MR. DERN, who was the only one in the party who had been drinking to excess. She further stated her husband became so incensed over the matter that he requested all of the tenants who had remonstrated in behalf of MR. DERN to vacate their apartments by the first of the following month.

[redacted] that of the house occupied by the applicant, stated that applicant had resided in that house since October, 1937 and that both he and his wife were very satisfactory neighbors. She stated that she did not have much social intercourse with applicant and his family, although she did converse at different times with MRS. LYNCH on occasions when they would each be in the yard in the rear of their respective homes. She stated that applicant had one child and that their home life appeared to be very congenial. She stated she had not had much occasion to observe applicant, as he left early in the morning for his place of employment, and she noted that he returned later in the evening. She stated she knew that applicant formerly resided at the Rosadhu Apartments in Chevy Chase but was unable to furnish the name of the rental agent of the house now occupied by him.

[redacted] the nearest occupied house to that of applicant, stated that she was not acquainted with either applicant or his family.

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CREDIT RATING

At the Associated Retail Credit Men of Washington, Inc., 1221 G St., N. W., [] furnished the credit record of applicant which reflected that he had resided at the Rosdhu Apartments, E. Woodbine Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland and also at 2911 28th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The record further indicated that he was employed as Assistant General Counsel in the SEC since October 1, 1934, and that his present salary is \$7,800 per annum. This record further disclosed that applicant had a good credit rating.

At Stone's Mercantile Agency, 1419 H St., N. W., it was ascertained that this agency had no record of applicant having made application for credit to any of the clientele served by this agency.

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POLICE RECORD

At the Metropolitan Police Department, Records Division, [] after a review of his files, advised that there was no local police record against the applicant.

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Cleveland, Ohio,
May 11, 1939,
POSTAL TELEGRAPH

G. Hottel,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
2266 U. S. Department of Justice Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

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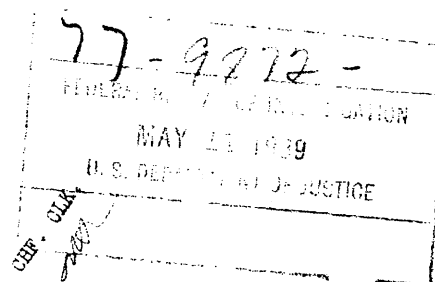
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FILE NO. 77-72

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TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH			CHARACTER OF CASE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT LEGAL POSITION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Judge GEORGE P. HAHN and HENRY L. THOMPSON deceased. Applicant while in Toledo, Ohio, member of leading law firm of that city. Considered outstanding lawyer in ability and performance. Specialized chiefly in equity trial work rather than trial before jury. Handled important cases. Practiced considerably in federal courts. No criminal work. Possesses enviable character and reputation. <u>Noted for fairness and gentlemanly conduct.</u> Believed to be ardent New Dealer and greatly interested in welfare and social problems. - RUC - REFERENCE: Telegram from Washington Field Office dated May 10, 1939. Teletype to Bureau and Washington Field Office dated May 13, 1939. DETAILS: GERALD P. OPENLANDER, Assistant United States Attorney, Toledo, Ohio, advised that GEORGE P. HAHN, former Judge of the United States District Court in that city has been dead for approximately			
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two years. He advised that HENRY L. THOMPSON, who is referred to as HARRY E. THOMPSON in reference telegram, who was formerly an official of the Toledo Trust Company, died in March of this year.

[redacted] Toledo Trust Company, stated that HENRY L. THOMPSON, who held the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of that bank, had died on March 21, 1939.

[redacted], referred to as [redacted] senior member of the law firm of Welles, Kelsey, Coburn and Harrington, successor to the firm of Tracy, Chapman and Welles, Ohio Bank Building, advised that he was quite well acquainted with the applicant when he was a member of the firm of Marshal, Melhorn, Morlar and Martin of that city.

He said that it was indeed a surprise to him at the time applicant gave up this connection to go with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He thought at the time that perhaps applicant had taken this position for further experience and would at a later time return to Toledo and take up this former connection.

While a member of the Toledo firm set out above, [redacted] was of the opinion that applicant specialized in equity trial work. In connection with this he drafted many of the important papers prepared by the firm. [redacted] stated that this firm had many cases with his own firm, and the applicant had appeared personally in a number of them. At all times he had shown a great amount of intelligence and legal ability. [redacted] said that considering his age, applicant was one of the leading lawyers of the Toledo Bar. His reputation among the local fraternity was above reproach. At all times he revealed an excellent character, and at no time had he ever heard of the applicant being involved in any "shady" dealings. He was a quiet individual, but possessed a fine sense of humor.

The firm with which applicant was connected was one of the three leading law firms in the City of Toledo. This organization had always maintained a fine reputation among the members of the local bar.

[redacted] estimated that LYNCH's earnings at the time

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he was practicing law in the city, to be roughly somewhere between \$4,000 and \$7,500 per year.

[] referred to as [] in reference telegram, senior member of the brokerage firm of Collin, Norton & Company, Gardner Building, Toledo, Ohio, stated that he has been acquainted with the applicant for eight or ten years. However, he has not seen applicant since he accepted his position with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D. C.

While in Toledo, applicant handled a number of legal matters for [] company, inasmuch as his firm handled all legal matters for that brokerage company. [] related that his acquaintance with applicant was only in a business relationship, and that he did not know him socially at all. He was always impressed with the seriousness and conscientiousness with which applicant went about his work. His honesty and integrity at all times was unimpeachable. He was a very discreet person and he always succeeded in getting a great deal of information while relating only a little.

The firm of which applicant was a member was one of the outstanding legal organizations in Toledo, Ohio. He was of the opinion that this firm specialized in corporation law. At such times as he was called upon to perform work for the brokerage concern, the applicant's work was outstanding.

[] recalled that applicant participated in a great number of large suits in connection with the Newton D. Baker firm in Cleveland, Ohio.

[] understood that applicant accepted the position with the Securities and Exchange Commission because he was particularly interested in that type of work. Upon acceptance of this position he was asked by applicant to show him through the brokerage business and to explain the various mechanisms of that type of work in order that he might be better acquainted with the type of work which he was to perform in his new position. [] stated that he did this and also took the applicant to New York to show him the operation of the securities market in that city.

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So far as [] knew, the applicant had high class individuals as his associates and friends. He had heard just recently that applicant had been offered a connection with a law firm in Detroit, Michigan, which was to have paid him \$35,000 per year, but which position he refused because of his great interest in the position that he now holds.

[] stated that he was of the opinion that [] a member of the law firm of Williams, Eversman and Morgan, would be able to give a great amount of unbiased information concerning the applicant, in view of the fact that LAUGHLIN had had, to the best of his knowledge, both professional and social contacts with applicant.

[] was contacted at the office of his firm in the Ohio Bank Building. He stated that he had been acquainted with the applicant for a great number of years. He had come to know applicant when the applicant had first become engaged in the practice of law in Toledo. The firm with which he was associated was one of the outstanding firms in Toledo.

The applicant was an exceedingly intelligent individual, and was well acquainted with the principles of his profession. His performance in Toledo had been superb and he was well thought of by members of the Toledo Bar. During the time he was in Toledo he handled a great number of the most important cases for his firm. He had engaged chiefly in equity trial work rather than trial work before a jury. The firm with which he was connected handled a number of trust matters for some of the most responsible citizens of Toledo, and the applicant performed a great share of this work.

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[] believed that the applicant gave up this fine connection because of his sympathy with the New Deal. He was greatly interested in welfare and social problems, and it was [] opinion that applicant took the position with the Securities and Exchange Commission for this reason. He was always an ardent supporter and admirer of the New Deal administration.

[] said that although applicant took a drink now and then, he had never seen him overindulge in liquor or conduct himself in any way other than as a gentleman.

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[] could not recall that applicant was ever engaged in criminal law. However, he stated that a great amount of his practice was in the federal courts. He said that applicant was aggressive in his work and at all times was exceedingly thorough. All in all [] would classify him as being a brilliant lawyer.

[] recalled that applicant had been born of poor parents who died while he was in his tender years. His aunt raised him, and later he entered the University of Michigan where he obtained his legal education. In that school he was the leader of the "Union," which is the outstanding organization of that university.

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Applicant always possessed that valuable faculty of conducting himself as a gentleman. Even at times when he was engaged in cross-examining a witness he maintained a manner which marked him as a true gentleman.

Applicant is not an individual who is interested in society. He is quiet and would rather remain aloof from social gatherings. He is happily married and is the father of one child, [], who is approximately sixteen months old.

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TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH			CHARACTER OF CASE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT -- LEGAL POSITION.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Yale University Law School, was closely associated with applicant in Securities and Exchange Commission, 1934 to 1938. Recommends LYNCH as intelligent, competent, reliable, efficient, industrious, capable and honest; character, habits and personality of applicant lauded by No criticisms or derogatory comments. New York City, unavailable to date. - P - REFERENCE: Telegram from Washington Field to New York Office, 5/10/39. DETAILS: AT NEW HAVEN, CONN. Yale University Law School, was interviewed on May 16, 1939 with reference to applicant. stated that he was personally employed by the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION for four years subsequent to and during that period was in close business and social contact with the applicant; that from to the termination of his connection with the Commission, and during the greater portion of this latter period, the applicant It was said			
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by [] that LYNCH'S duties were principally those of handling matters in liquidation, "applications for confidential treatment" and also handling appellate matters. [] said that applicant had performed all his duties in a capable and efficient manner and had impressed all who came in contact with him with his reliability and competence. [] averred that he regards LYNCH as being intelligent, serious-minded, honest, reliable and of the highest character. He said that LYNCH has a quick grasp on matters placed before him, is very efficient and an untiring worker; also, that he is thorough and entirely capable. [] said that LYNCH required no supervision in his duties; that he was a logical and clear thinker and has understanding and ability in handling his duties. [] advised that Lynch has a fine personality, has the faculty of getting the maximum amount of work done, and that he does so with the utmost efficiency; further, that although applicant is regarded as a competent administrator he, [] personally believes Lynch is superior in actually handling cases rather than in administrative activities. [] said Lynch has a high sense of responsibility, is entirely dependable and possesses all those qualities desirable in a man being considered for important office. He averred that LYNCH has no preponderance towards intemperance, lives modestly within his means, is not known to gamble aside from indulging in an occasional poker game of modest status among close friends and that there can be no question with respect to his character or background.

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[] stated that he can recommend LYNCH highly in every respect and that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the applicant.

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent [] at New York City in an endeavor to locate [] Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington, D. C., on May 16 and 18, 1939, without success. Agent [] was advised that [] is away from the city and will not return for approximately ten days.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, will contact [] S. E. C. at Washington, D. C. with reference to the applicant.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW F. McQUIRK**

**Re: THOMAS J. LYNCH
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LEGAL POSITION**

With reference to your memorandum dated April 5, 1939, the following teletype message has been received from the New York City Field Division of this Bureau:

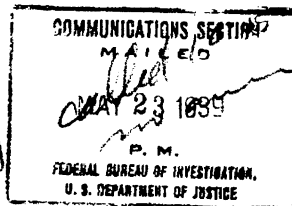
"Thomas J. Lynch, Departmental Applicant. [redacted] associated with applicant in Securities and Exchange Commission, [redacted] recommends applicant highly for intelligence, competence, reliability, efficiency, industry, and honesty. Character, habits, personality, and integrity of applicant lauded by [redacted] [redacted] New York City, unavailable at present."

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Very truly yours,

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THOMAS J LYNCH DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT. [REDACTED] YALE LAW SCHOOL,

ASSOCIATED WITH APPLICANT IN SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION [REDACTED]

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. MATTHEW F. MACHINE**

**Re: THOMAS J. LYNCH,
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With reference to your memorandum of April 5, 1939, the following teletype has been received from the New York Field Office of this Bureau:

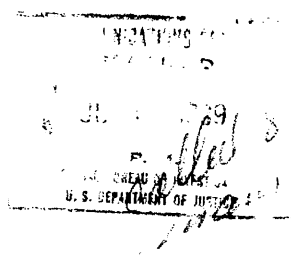
[redacted] Securities and Exchange Commission, unqualifiedly recommends Lynch. Lynch was employed by Securities and Exchange Commission from 1934 to 1937 under the supervision of [redacted] who considered Lynch the most capable of a staff of 72 attorneys. [redacted] advised Lynch apparently lives within his income and is highly respected as a lawyer and a man."

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Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 6/12/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/5/39	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b6 b7C
TITLE THOMAS J. LYNCH			CHARACTER OF CASE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - LEGAL POSITION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] New York City [redacted] [redacted] HARVARD UNIVERSITY, and [redacted] S.E.C. from [redacted] unqualifiedly recommends applicant. Applicant associate counsel for S.E.C. under [redacted] from 1934 to 1937. [redacted] describes applicant as being most capable of staff of 72 attorneys; applicant highly respected by fellow attorneys and acquaintances and apparently lives within income.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/22/39 b6 at New York City. b7C b7D			
DETAILS: <u>At New York City:</u> [redacted] advised that he was formerly [redacted] at HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, Mass. He also stated that he was formerly a Judge of the Superior Court of the State of Massachusetts. [redacted] [redacted] he was [redacted] for the SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION in Washing- ton, D. C. [redacted] further advised that he met the applicant, THOMAS J. LYNCH, in 1934 at which time [redacted] [redacted] hired LYNCH as an assistant on his staff.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 77 9872 11 JUN 14 A.M. JUN 17 1939		
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[] stated that LYNCH was highly recommended [] and applied for a position. He further advised that LYNCH worked [] as an associate counsel from 1934 to 1937 at which time [] resigned.

[] described LYNCH as a first-class lawyer, very highminded, and further stated that the applicant possesses the highest of professional standards. Continuing, [] informed agent that LYNCH is highly respected by his fellow attorneys as well as by all his acquaintances. He advised that he could not speak too highly of LYNCH. He went on to say that while he was Chief Counsel for the SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION, he, [] had 72 attorneys under his supervision. He stated that he considered LYNCH the most capable and competent of his entire staff. He described the applicant as being very conscientious and thorough in his work as well as trustworthy.

[] further stated that LYNCH was reared as a Catholic but at the present time does not practice his religion. He stated that LYNCH drinks in moderation but that he does not believe the applicant indulges to any excess. [] stated that LYNCH is married and has one child and apparently lives within his income.

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[] also advised that the applicant left a very lucrative practice in Toledo, Ohio. He stated that LYNCH was a partner in the firm of MARSHALL, MELHORN, DAVIES, WALL & BLOCK. He stated that this law firm is well known in the city of Toledo and highly respected by the Bar Association of that city. He stated that the applicant accepted his governmental appointment in 1934 under a great financial loss. [] stated, however, that applicant is very civic minded and is a decided Liberal in every sense of the word.

In conclusion [] stated that he would unqualifiedly recommend the applicant for any legal position because he believes the applicant would be a real asset to the government in view of the applicant's background and general reputation.

A teletype summary of the above facts was submitted to the Bureau.

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October 21, 1939

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. EDWARD G. KEMP**

am
Re: **THOMAS J. LYNCH**
DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT
Legal Position

Reference is made to memorandum dated April 5, 1939, requesting that an investigation be conducted relative to the above named applicant.

You are advised that the records of this Bureau reflect that the investigation in this case has been completed.

Vary truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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